

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [00037] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Fig. 4 depicts a high-level block diagram of an embodiment of consolidating query-based statistics for a workload and generating at least one statistics collection task using the query-based statistics identification module, the consolidation module, and the task generation module of Fig. 1. The application 70 (Fig. 1) receives a workload 64 comprising queries which are, or can be, executed by the RDBMS 62. In the application 70 (Fig. 1), the query-based statistics identification module 72 is invoked for each query of the workload 64. The query-based statistics identification module 72 identifies query-based statistics for each query and provides the query-based statistics 74 for each query to the consolidation module 76. Statistics identification has been described in United States Patent Application No. 10/752,915—/_____,_____, titled “Method, System, and Program for Statistics Management,” filed on January 7, 2004, to Patrick Dooling Bossman, You-Chin Fuh and Chan-Hua Liu (International Business Machines (IBM) Docket No. SVL920030089US1), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. In various embodiments, the query-based statistics identification module 72 implements various techniques for statistics identification described in United States Patent Application No. 10/752,915—/_____,_____, titled “Method, System, and Program for Statistics Management,” filed on January 7, 2004, to Patrick Dooling Bossman, You-Chin Fuh and Chan-Hua Liu (IBM Docket No. SVL920030089US1).

Please replace paragraph [00042] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] When, in step 128, the application determines that all queries in the workload have been processed, in step 132~~130~~, at least one statistics collection task is generated based on the consolidated statistics, and in various embodiments, the scores.